

COKE MERGER INDORSED AT BIG MEETING OF OPERATORS.

Combination of Independent Plants of the Connellsville Region Now Looks Like a Sure Thing.

INDUSTRY IS IN JEOPARDY

Leaders of the Trade Give Pointed Reasons for Their Decision to Enter a Consolidation—Large Company Can Control and Increase the Business to Advantage.

From The Weekly Courier of this morning.

A decided impetus was given to the proposed merger of the independent coke plants of the Connellsville region at the regular meeting of the Coke Producers' Association of the Connellsville region in Uptown yesterday afternoon. The meeting was addressed by John W. Bolleau of Pittsburgh, in whose name the options are being taken for a syndicate of eastern capitalists. Mr. Bolleau made a statement of the progress of the merger to those present and was prepared to answer any questions that might be put. About 60 operators, most of them members of the association, were present. Addressers were made by a number of operators who gave their reasons for favoring the proposed combination. In the course of the meeting a number of operators present stated publicly that they would give options to Mr. Bolleau on various plants, including some of the largest in the region.

Other developments of the meeting were the pledging of additional plants for the merger. In the course of the evening and the impression gained generally by those present was that the merger was much further on the road to successful consummation. In his statement to the meeting Mr. Bolleau declared that about 65 companies had either given written options to their plants or had signified their intention of doing so.

The meeting showed that the independent operators of the region have a lively interest in the projected combination and that they realize something should be done to stop the present cut-throat competition in Connellsville coke and the consequent wasteful methods of marketing their product at prices less than cost. Operators present expressed themselves along this line pointedly and with vigor. Not a single operator opposing the proposed merger was heard during the course of the meeting and the leading coke men of the region were heard as champions of the plan to give coherence and stable prosperity to the industry. It was pointed out that a proper combination of the present individual interests would result in higher prices for coke, a broader market, following ability to sell coke on a more systematic scale, and that market could be controlled in Mexico and Canada which are now supplied in part with foreign coke because the small individual companies are not strong enough to establish supply depots at distributing centers but are forced to send one or two ocean carriers at a time. In doing this they fail to get a regular trade, most of which goes to foreign makers who possess advantages in this line at present.

Assurances were given to the meeting by prominent operators that they were satisfied the project would be brought to a successful conclusion. The vital fact was pointed out that if operators continue to hold off instead of optioning their plants they would endanger the success of the project. From the expressions heard at the meeting it was plain that the great majority of operators are anxious for the merger and for the sale of their plants at a fair price, provided they feel certain that they can take the step of not closing those plants with a reasonable assurance that the plan can be financed and carried through.

In the absence of O. W. Kennedy, President of the Association, who was called away by business, the meeting was presided over by Harry Whelch, who introduced Mr. Bolleau. The latter immediately went into his subject in a business-like manner and said it must be done.

"The form of options which were originally sent out to the operators of the region were prepared on short notice and reached you one week after I first received word to get them up. Naturally these options could not be made to fit every case and we have made some changes in a new option which has been prepared, in which some of the conditions of the first option are entirely eliminated and others are changed to make it shorter and simpler. The criticism which I first heard about the old option was that they were too involved and some parts of it were so—don't know whether I understand them all myself," said the speaker laughing.

"The first question you will prob-

ably ask is whether plants will be paid for in cash. The options plainly ask that a cash price be named. I believe the people behind this matter are able to do as they say. At first I did not know who they were but now I have a clearer idea about them. My dealings are entirely with Mr. Chas. McKnight, President of the National Bank of Western Pennsylvania and I report to him. We have eliminated the clause in the contract requiring operators to remain out of the coke business for three years and have also changed other matters to suit conditions. No operator need to be afraid to file a list of his current contracts because these will be guarded sacredly. As to the ability of those behind this proposal, Mr. McKnight is a man of the highest financial standing in Pittsburgh and New York and he says he can lay his hands on the money. About 65 companies have said they would go into the merger although I have more than 65 options. The Tower Fund and Thompson-Connellsville Coke Companies will file their options to day, as will eight other companies."

James A. Gray expressed himself in favor of the merger but said the option should not require operators to file any list of their liabilities except such as were on their plants. He said it would not affect the merger one way or another, what their personal affairs might be and added, "I am not a trust buster and believe the trusts have helped the country more than they have harmed it. I believe the Standard is a good thing." Mr. McKnight told me that while he was not prepared to state what financial interests were behind this deal, he had received four different propositions from various groups of men who said they would finance the deal if the plants were turned in at a fair price. The only thing that could prevent this deal from going through, he said, was if too high valuations are placed on the properties. A merger would have advantages that individuals do not possess. If only fifty cents per ton were added to the price of coke this standard could afford to pay a good round price for the plants. Look at the United States Steel Corporation. It has held the price of rails at \$25 a ton and gets it, too."

A. P. Austin said: "If we all stand and wait without giving out any options of course this project will fail. The thing to do is to send in our options and give Mr. Bolleau and his friends a chance. I have decided to assent to the giving of options on four plants in which I am interested, Waltonsburg, Gilmore, Plumer and Prospect. I can assure the statement that Mr. McKnight has had four different proposals to finance this project but has turned them aside because he has one central plan of his own which he wants to work out. I know that he stands high and is a man of ability. When a director of the United States Steel Corporation was told this deal, that director said it was all right, that no man came from Pittsburgh to New York who stood higher than Mr. McKnight, and that he could do it if any man could."

W. A. Stone said: "We will put in our plant, I know of a coke contract offered in the east for six months at \$1.45. It is thus something we would be willing to option. We will option and that company would be entitled to the merger.

L. W. Fogg said: "Prices have not been uplifted as we would like to see them and the tendency is to combine for protection. High coke prices in the past caused many to enter the business and this over-development now clouds the market. A large company can make cheaper coke, can stop waste and can compete with West Virginia coke better than we can as individuals."

D. S. Richey of the Rich Hill Coke Company, said that company would give an option and that he favored a merger.

W. G. Magee said: "I have never been impressed with such demagogation in the coke business as that which exists today. The price at which Connellsville coke has been offered in the east are not only for six months as Mr. Stone states but a contract has been closed for three years at \$1.45 per ton. I have heard a report in Uniontown that it was to be at the head of this combination. I have no such idea. I have helped Mr. McKnight in this matter because I favor a merger. We can run our works at 25 per cent greater capacity in combination than singly. We could put in a station at Tampico, Mexico, and keep a stock of coke there and hold that market. At present single cokes are sent out and it costs about \$25,000 to handle one cargo. Any one concern cannot handle many such cargoes. The same conditions prevail elsewhere and the result is that for

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MEYERS MUST STAND TRIAL FOR MURDER

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SOMERSET, May 6.—Judge Kooser filed his opinion yesterday afternoon in the matter of the habeas corpus hearing of Milton Meyers and recommended him to jail for trial. Judge Kooser states that his reason for refusing to allow the liberation of Meyers is that the weight of the evidence adduced at the hearing is sufficient to warrant a trial.

Meyers is charged with killing Frank F. Wingard, a merchant of Stoystown, who was found on the morning of April 7 with his head crushed by repeated blows from the steel breastplate of a coal auger, which was found near the body, covered with blood. Certain facts connected with Meyers' actions led to his arrest and a mass of circumstantial evidence has been brought to light. His case will not likely be tried at the May term of court.

Kirk Hendrickson Better. Marsh Hendrickson returned this morning from Berlin where he was called by the illness of his brother, Kirk Hendrickson, proprietor of the Berlin House. The latter is very much improved and will recover.

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BIG INCREASE IN CIRCULATION.

**Annual Report of Carnegie
Librarian Makes Excel-
lent Showing.**

CIRCULATION NEARLY 50,000

Which Is a Gain Over the Previous
Year of Nearly 10,000—With More
Means and a Constantly Increasing
Number of Books There Would Be
No Limit to Work.

In her second annual report com-
piled by Mrs. Anna B. Daigh and
made public today, an especially flut-
tering condition of the value of the
library is shown and the large number
who take advantages of its privileges.
Mrs. Daigh says that with more means
there would be almost no limit to the
good work that could be done by the
library—the report for the year is
as follows:

The book circulation for the year
was 40,800, an increase of 9,535 over
last year. The circulation for that year
being 31,270.

The adult circulation was 20,004 in
class for females.

General 3,413; library 1,617; reli-
gion, 21; seclusions, 78; philosophy, 10;
natural sciences, 44; useful arts, 12;
fine arts, 24; literature, 14; travel
77; history, 47; biography, 47;

topical, 11; juvenile, 17.

The Juvenile circulation was 17,727
as follows:

General, 4,200; philosophy, 10; re-
ligion, 1,413; library, 1,617; natural science,
44; useful arts, 12; fine arts, 14; travel,
77; history, 47; biography, 47;

The general circulation of magazines
seems to be greatly appreciated by the
public. 17,227 left the library for fol-
lowing:

May 2, June 8, July 6, Aug. 18,
Sept. 2, Oct. 10, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan.
19, Feb. 16, Mar. 18, April 14, April
19.

Nine hundred twenty one books were
added during the year, making a total
of 2,211. Cost of these \$100 were
adult, 700; children, 100; adults, 10; re-
ligion, 100; useful arts, 10.

One hundred thirty six were
carried. Of this number 572 were
replaced. As there is no intention
of making the work on the books
of consequence.

Three thousand eight hundred and
seventy three books are mounted, 2,000 of
them being free of charge.

Two hundred sixty six books were
lost in the first half of the year
and 150 in the second half.

There were 739 new registrations
of new books for 1908.

In addition to the 1,000 new books
added during the year, 1,000 new
books were added.

Twelve hundred twenty six books
were given away, 1,000 to the
library and 226 to the Carnegie
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WHALE'S CREW IN TROPIC PEN.

One Escapes and Relates Story of Inhuman Cruelty.

VESSEL SEIZED BY CASTRO

Disappearance of American Ship Captain D. Knowles Accounted For by Sailor Who Recently Escaped From Venezuelan Dungeon.

Kingstown, St. Vincent, B. W. I., May 6.—It may be that Captain Collis Stephenson and the crew of the American whaling ship Carrie D. Knowles, long since thought to have been lost at sea, are still alive in a Venezuelan prison. An American seaman, who gives the name of Payne, an escaped prisoner from Venezuela, has made his way to Kingstown, where he laid before the authorities an astounding story of the seizure of the Carrie D. Knowles at a Venezuelan port, where she arrived five years ago in distress, and the incarceration in that South American country of the captain and his men.

So convinced are the authorities here that there is truth in Payne's story that they have taken down his full statement and have already taken steps looking to a speedy and thorough investigation of the case.

On Jan. 27, 1904, the Carrie D. Knowles sailed from Providence, Mass. on a whaling voyage. Captain Collis Stephenson and his first mate II. A. Martin. In addition she carried a crew of about a dozen men. These are the names as given by Payne to the authorities here, and as far as he could remember the names of the members of the crew were Wallace Warner, Robertson Hinsell Sam Davis, Pierce Grant Lewis and John Payne asserts positively that all of these men are at the present time confined in a Venezuelan prison.

Relatives in Mourning.

The vessel was supposed to have been lost in a West Indian storm with all hands. Some of the members of the crew in St. Vincent say that all hope was given up of their return, their relatives put on mourning and the local insurance company reluctantly paid the claims against it on the assumption that the men were dead.

The story Payne told caused great excitement, not only because of the seriousness of the charges against the Venezuelan authorities, but because it added another to the many tales which have reached St. Vincent concerning the high handed methods adopted by the Venezuelans under the administration of Castro.

Payne declared that the whaler had been disabled in a storm off the Venezuelan coast and had made port in distress. This was five years ago, but the exact date he could not remember. She was at once seized and the captain and crew were made prisoners and thrown into jail. He states that all the men are alive, but are still closely confined.

LONG SESSION PROBABLE

Tariff Bill May Not Be Passed Before July 1.

Washington, May 6.—The possibility of the passage of the tariff bill and the adjournment of the special session of congress before June 15 or July 1 seems to have vanished. This conclusion has been reached by the president as a result of recent talks with senators and representatives.

Whatever influence President Taft feels he can bring to bear in securing a satisfactory measure will be exerted upon the conference. The president is averse to being drawn into the fight and there is no thought that he will be until the conferees begin their consideration of the two bills as passed by the house and senate.

PROSECUTIONS ORDERED

Scenes of Suite Instituted Under Pennsylvania Pure Food Law.

Harrisburg, Pa. May 6.—Food Commissioner James Foust has ordered prosecutions against forty-three dealers in soft drinks in Allegheny, Beaver, Lawrence and Washington counties under the new law prohibiting the sale of adulterated non-alcoholic drinks.

Prosecutions were ordered also in three bars and one vinegar shop in Allegheny, seven saltered milk cans in Dauphin and Cumberland, five olio cases in Philadelphia and Allegheny.

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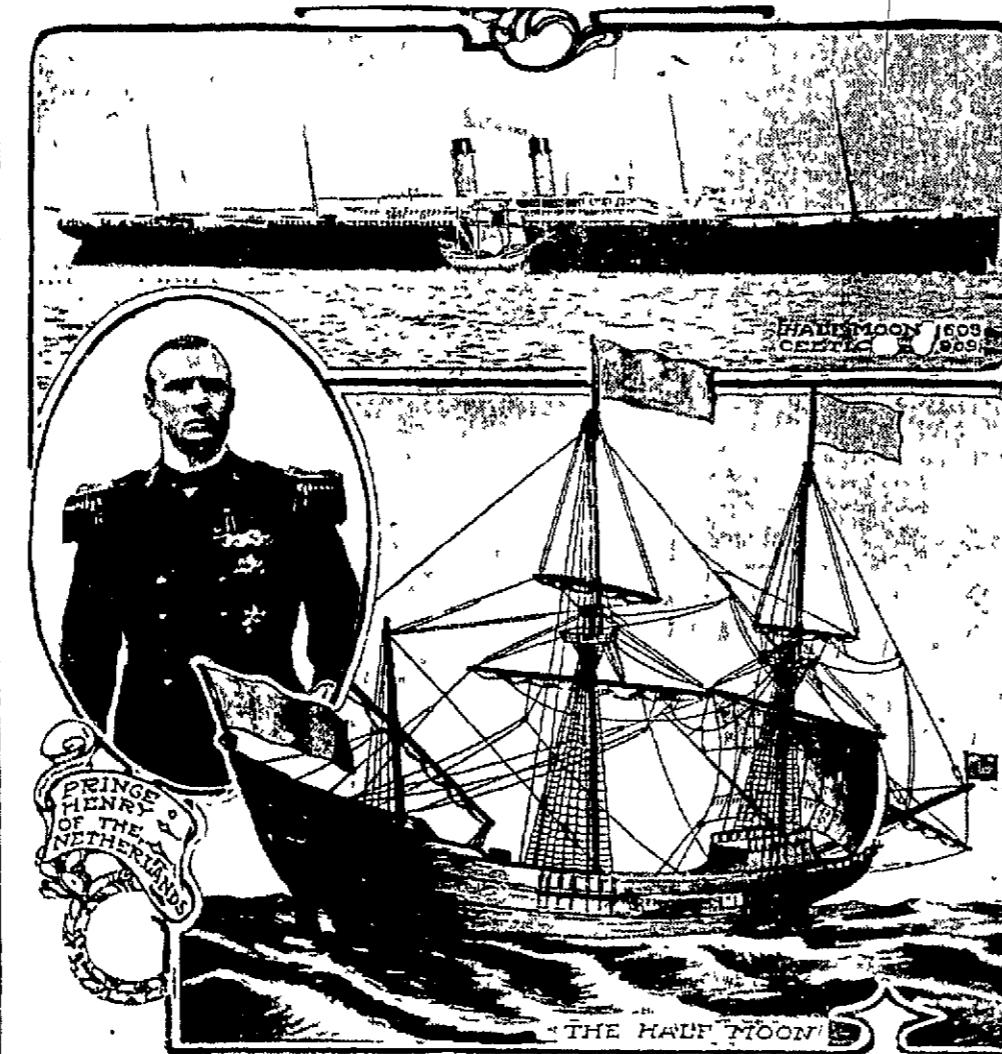
Captain of Toledo Cherry Pickers Leaps to His Death.

Toledo, O. May 6—Delirious from illness Captain William Cool, a prominent elk, a noted drillmaster and captain of the Elks Cherry Pickers, a famous drill squad, leaped from a fourth story window and was instantly killed.

His daughter tried to prevent her father from jumping, but was unable to restrain him.

Made Miserable by Automobiles. Paul M. G. Gilchrist, a retired merchant whose declining years have been made miserable by spending automobiles, has written to his entire fortune to churches in certain French cities for masses for the repose of the souls of the victims of the diabolical machines which have poisoned my last days."

HOLLAND'S PRINCE AND SHIP SHE SENDS TO THE HUDSON-FULTON CELEBRATION



AMSTERDAM, Holland, May 6.—Good progress is being made in completing the ship Half Moon, recently launched from the navy yard here. This queer looking craft, which the people of the Netherlands are sending as a token of their friendship for America, is expected to prove one of the most attractive features of the naval pageant to be held in connection with the Hudson-Fulton celebration on the Hudson river in October. When rigged and fitted out the Half Moon will be an exact reproduction of the vessel sailed by Captain de Hudson centuries ago. The ship is built of heavy oak timbers and has the high poop and low, narrow prow only to be seen in old ships of ancient Dutch and Spanish galleons. She is of about 50 tons, length 26 feet, beam 18 feet and she draws 7½ feet of water. Her crew will number 20 men. The Half Moon is being fitted with the masts and sails of ancient pattern while her armament will consist of several antique cannon hauled down from early generations of Dutch adventures. She will be ready in July and will be shipped on one of the Holland-American liners for transportation across the Atlantic. On September 27 she will make her official entry into Sandy Hook after which she will be handed over to the American committee in charge of the Hudson-Fulton celebration. Prince Henry of the Netherlands heads the committee in charge of the construction of the Half Moon.

MAY LOSE RIGHT BOWER.

Chancellor Von Buelow Threatens to Resign

Berlin, May 6.—The Neue Gesellschaftszeitung correspondent, who has excellent official sources of information announces that Chancellor von Buelow intends to resign before the Whiteside recess unless the financial reform plans of the government are adopted.

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PROPOSED COKE MERGER

A PRACTICAL COMBINE.

The proposed merger of the independent coke-making operations of the Connellsville region continues to be the chief topic of interest among the operators. There is a natural disposition to consider the matter carefully before giving options, and this disposition is encouraged by the suggestion that the date of the termination of such options, October 1st, next, gives plenty of time to determine the question; but such a conclusion is at variance with the facts and allows no time at all to the underwriting interests to complete the work of formulating and financing the merger corporation. Nearly all the eighty-one independent companies are reported to be favorably disposed toward the merger and willing to give their options; if so, they should act with reasonable promptness, not only as a matter of justice to the promoters, but also as a matter of justice to themselves. Opportunity may sometimes knock more than once at our doors, but it is an established fact that she does not persistently haunt the premises. Her visits are few and far between. The merger is generally admitted to be, and is perhaps universally recognized as being, a good thing for all interests; if so, time should not be wasted in idle flirtation.

John W. Bolleau, who represents the underwriting syndicate and in whose name the options are being taken, discusses the advantages of corporate consolidation in the Chicago Black Diamond in the following exhaustive manner:

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2nd. Eliminating a system in which one firm fills the contracts which could be more advantageously and economically filled by some other company, the result would be that one plant can produce coke for certain uses cheaper than others and another can produce quality desired from poorer coals than that produced by property whose output in case of a higher grade.

3rd. Doing away with the necessity of constantly devoting time to their time and attention toward purchasing or transacting business for a single company, thus saving valuable time and expense.

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12th. Having the power to improve the opportunity not at present at hand, as to control a good part of the coke-making throughout the section of the country, present or future competition, as it is easier to hold what individual companies now possess and control than to build up the same amount of power in a strange concern. The consolidation would have this advantage.

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These advantages are not theoretical. They have been demonstrated under like conditions by similar consolidations after actual experience. They are practical and practicable. Combination is not a new thing. This great government of ours of which we are justly proud was the first big

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"In Union there is Strength." The ancient and honored maxim holds good in business as well as in government, provided always the Union is wisely administered, and here again it has been demonstrated that the big corporations are better managed because they have the best managers to pick from and the best methods to work by.

The coke operator can hardly make a mistake in giving an option on his plant. If the merger is uncomplicated he gets his price for his plant, in cash if he likes, or in his proper share of the larger corporation if he chooses. He takes no chances whatever save those of selling at a better price in the meantime, which as we have already explained are too remote for serious consideration.

NO MORE LOBBYING

BY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

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THE EUROPEAN VIEW OF THE TURKISH TROUBLES.

have been other and lower bids. Street contractors are not overwhelmed with work just now. The price at which this work was let may be reasonable, but the precedent is undesirable.

Whom street and sidewalk grades are established owners of property abutting thereon should be made to conform strictly thereto.

Bills presented to the Town Council for payment show how little the approval of the committee which orders the goods or contracts for the works

Zeppelein proposes the establishment of an airship line. Germany will enjoy the distinction of having four railroads in the possession of practical aerial navigation. The Germans can be winds if they try.

The airship route to the Pole gains in popularity. It appears the only practicable method of reaching that hitherto inaccessible spot.

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**COMMENCEMENT
FRIDAY EVENING.**

East Huntingdon Twp. to Graduate Large Class at Tarr Tomorrow.

THEY ALL WILL TAKE A PART

Young Wife Accused of Deserting Her Husband For Mt. Pleasant Man. Two Charged With Larceny of Lumber—Other News of Mill Town.

SCOTTSVILLE, May 6.—The annual commencement exercises of the East Huntingdon township High School will take place tomorrow evening in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Tarr, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock. There will be music by the Mozart orchestra of Latrobe, and each member of the graduating class will take part in the program. The address of the evening will be by Prof. W. E. Abig, a former East Huntingdon township young man, now a professor at Bellvue.

Is Improving In Health.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fouts of Chestnut street have received word from the physicians at Sunny Rest Sanatorium, White Haven, that their son, Earl, who has been there for a few weeks for treatment for throat trouble is responding to the treatment in a most encouraging way.

Charged With Lumber Thefts.

Peter Collins and Frank Yuraver were arrested and given a hearing before Justice J. C. Stier charged with the larceny of some lumber from the Ruth planing mills. Collins was found with a piece of lumber on his shoulder and at the second man's house a lot of boards were discovered. They both denied taking any lumber, and said that part of it had been bought from J. H. Poole and that the rest had been bought from Ruth. Both the dealers said that the men had bought and paid for lumber from them. Mr. Poole testified that part of the lumber which the men said had come from his yard he had not had in stock for several years, and Mr. Ruth said that he had not sold any of it to the men. The case was settled by the men paying the costs and for the lumber.

Young Wife Eloped.

Austria, the 18-year old wife of Nelson Jones, according to Greensburg, die patches, went from Scottdale to that place on Monday, where it is alleged that she and George Henderson, aged about 19, of Mt. Pleasant, eloped to Lancaster. The husband went to Greensburg on Tuesday after his wife and awoke out a warrant for her and Henderson's arrest. The chief of police of Lancaster was telephoned to and answered yesterday that he had the young woman under arrest. Constable Dunham left Greensburg yesterday for Lancaster to bring the woman home. The man was not arrested.

Firemen to Meet Tonight.

President W. N. Porter's call for a meeting of the Fire Department for tonight is causing a good deal of interest. It is said that the reason is the straightening out of some matters connected with the recent election, it being said that there was an error in the election in not following a provision of the Constitution, which was discovered lately to have been unnoticed at the time of the election.

Rev. Lecheltler Home.

Charles Wadefeld Cudman will appear at the First Methodist Episcopal Church tonight in an entertainment from Indian tribal songs, with an entertainment evolved from these, which have made quite a sensation where they have been given. Kennedy Harper a tenor will also be present and nests in the entertainment. People of Connellsville and Mt. Pleasant have taken quite an interest in the affair and both these towns will be represented in the audience, which promises to be large.

Started To Register.

Monday being the first of May the four Ward Assessors of town started on their house to house canvass of the taxables of the town. Dr. W. P. Shotts the new Assessor who succeeded Dr. C. D. Fortney, who resided the place in the First Ward, began his new work, and got along very nicely. Robert L. Hill in the Second Ward, W. L. Schenck in the Third Ward, and Roy Baker in the Fourth Ward are the other Assessors.

Going Out To Miseries.

John Byrne of Evanson has taken a position of bookkeeper in the Broadway National Bank, during the time that Arthur L. Byrne will be en route to Missouri. His father, J. R. Byrne owns coal lands near St. Louis and they will spend some time out there opening up the property this spring.

Wedding Anniversary Party.

The 25th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John Potter field was the occasion of a surprise party tendered them by their friends who descended upon the Porterfield home at Evanson on Friday evening. The evening was very pleasantly passed in music and games, and a fine luncheon was a feature. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Roger, Mr. and Mrs. Orton, Mr. and Mrs. Byrne, Mr. and Mrs. Lecheltler, Mr. and Mrs. Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Markey, Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Hayes, Mrs. Gomer, Mrs. Phil, Mrs. Barnum, Mrs. Vance, Mrs. Hill, Miss Edna Hayes, Miss Laura Orbin and Misses Kate and El-

Carpets! Druggets!! Now is Your Opportunity.

We have just received 10 bales of Room Druggets direct from auction, Brussels and Axminsters at prices away below their usual cost.

We call special attention to our Fine Brussels Druggets in a great assortment of patterns. Come in and see them.

\$9.98 Only \$9.98

We Are Closing Out all our Brussels, Velvet and Axminster Carpets. Not going to handle them after this season. **ALL MUST GO.**

Best Tapestry Brussels Carpets, regular 95c goods, yard 65c and **69c**

Best Velvet and Axminster Carpets, regular \$1.45 carpets, yard **89c**

Millinery

Spring Millinery in All the New Styles.

Our hats this season are the up-to-date styles trimmed by skillful milliners. The quality is the best and the prices are within the reach of all. Every hat is the work of a trimmer who knows how to construct fine headwear, and will stand the inspection and please the most critical. Hats trimmed to your order on short notice. We call special attention to our beautiful line of hats at \$4.99, \$3.99 **\$2.99**

SCHMITZ' New York Racket Store.

HOT SHOTS ABOUT RHEUMATISM AND RHEUMALINE.

You Rheumatics, who have suffered for years, you are the people, we, the Graham & Company Drug Store, want to see. You can be cured. This is no idle boast. No matter what you think—no matter how many people you have talked to—no matter how much medicine you have taken—no matter how many health resorts you have visited—this can be cured. Understand, this is said, knowing absolutely what Rheumatism can and does do. Yours is not the only case of constipation. Remember Graham & Company's Drug Store has the exclusive agency here on the Rheumatine Remedies, and you can not get 'em elsewhere than Rheumatine. It removes the rheumatism, the rheumatism, the rheumatism, joint and kidney.

Mr. Hill.

Eoworth League Meeting.

The regular business meeting of the Eoworth League of the First Methodist Episcopal Church will be held on Friday evening in the study of Rev. R. H. Mansell, at which time there will be reports from the various committees, and the annual election of officers for the ensuing year will take place.

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Have you tried our classified ad?

SOISSON THEATRE Friday, 7th. MAY MATINEE AND NIGHT.

W. A. BRADY PRESENTS The Original Photographic Production By Motion Pictures Taken at Ringside of the

Tommy Burns versus Jack Johnson Championship Contest

FIGHT AT SIDNEY AUSTRALIA

DEC. 26, 1908.

PRICES, Matinee, 15 and 25c.

Night, 15, 25, 35 and 50c.

Seats on sale at theatre. Both phones.

NAIL IN EYE.

Smithfield Man Meets With a Serious Mishap While Working.

SMITHFIELD, May 6.—Charles B. Stewart, a contractor here, was driving a nail yesterday evening when it flew from a glancing blow striking him in the eye inflicting an injury that may cause the loss of the eye.

It struck point first and penetrated the ball and stuck there, requiring considerable force to remove it.

Notice.

All members of Youghiogheny Lodge No. 3219 are requested to meet at their lodges room May 8th at 8 P. M. Business of importance. R. D. Epp, N. G. Noah Jackson, P. S.

MANUFACTURERS' OUTLET

Shoe Sale.

Our 3 Days Shoe
Selling Will Appeal
to All the People.

Friday, Saturday, Monday

May 7,

May 8,

May 10

We purchased hundreds of pairs of Shoes and Oxfords for men, women, boys, misses and children from 3 of the biggest shoe manufacturers known in the shoe business at ridiculous low prices and will give our patrons the benefit of the low prices we bought them at. This line includes the newest makes, both high and low cut shoes, made in button, lace and blucher styles, all sizes, in black, tan, ox-blood, gun metal, box calf, patent colt and vici kid leathers. We will exchange and refund your money for the asking. Everything marked in plain figures.

MEN'S SHOES AND OXFORDS.	LADIES' SHOES AND OXFORDS.	BOYS' SHOES.	MISSSES' SHOES AND OXFORDS.
\$2.50 Men's Dress Shoes in gun metal, blucher style all sizes, \$1.65	\$2.00 Ladies' Shoes and Oxfords in patent colt, vici kid, gun metal and tan, blucher, lace and button, all sizes, \$1.29	\$1.50 Boys' solid leather Shoes, in lace and blucher, all sizes, 98c	\$1.50 Misses' and Children's Shoes, in vici kid, patent tip, lace, blucher and button, all sizes, 98c

\$2.50 Men's Working Shoes, in lace and blucher, all sizes, **\$1.18**

\$4.00 and \$3.50 Men's Dress Shoes, in gun metal, tan and ox-blood, blucher, button and lace, all sizes, **\$2.65**

\$3.50 and \$3.00 Ladies' Dress Shoes, in lace and blucher, button and lace, all sizes, **\$1.95**

\$2.00 Boys' Shoes in gun metal and patent leather, all sizes, **\$1.35**

\$2.50 and \$3.00 Misses' Dress Shoes and Oxfords, in gun metal and vici kid, lace and blucher, all sizes, **\$1.25**

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All Goods Marked in Plain Figures. Help Yourself.

MACE & CO.

See Our Windows for Advertised Goods.

Come straight to Mace & Co., the old reliable, where you get honest values for your money—where all goods are marked in plain figures.

MI-ONA Cures Dyspepsia.

IT RELIEVES STOMACH MISERY ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.

If the food you ate at your last meal did not digest, but laid for a long time like lead on your stomach, then you have indigestion in one of its stages, and quick action should be taken.

Of course there are many other symptoms of indigestion, such as belching up of sour food, heartburn, crizzles, shortness of breath and foul breath, and if you have any of them, your stomach is out of order and should be corrected.

MI-ONA tablets have cured thousands of cases of indigestion and stomach trouble. If you have any stomach distress, MI-ONA will relieve instantly.

But MI-ONA will not so-called dyspeptic remedies, does more than relieve; it permanently cures dyspepsia or any stomach trouble by putting energy and strength into the walls of the stomach, where the gastric juices are produced.

A large tin box of MI-ONA tablets costs but 50 cents at A. A. Clarke's and are guaranteed to cure or money back. When others fail, MI-ONA cures.

Read these two voluntary statements:

"Stomach complaints have given me all sorts of suffering for years past and I have doctor'd several times to cure it. There has nothing ever given me the needed relief and cure until I used MI-ONA. This remedy stopped the pains in my stomach and bowel, the indigestion, scortches and weak, depressed feelings. Mrs. D. H. Nye, 179 Sherman Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich. October 21, 1908."

"I have used MI-ONA for stomach trouble and indigestion. The use of MI-ONA cured me of constipation, inability to digest my food hard, dull pains in my side and through me. There are no words strong enough to express my good opinion of MI-ONA." E. Bentley, Court St., Osgood, Mich. Oct. 21, 1908.

MI-ONA sold in every town in America.

Bodil's Laxative Pills for constipation. 25 cents at A. A. Clarke's.

Horse Trade Causes Trouble.

Harry Nathan and Louis Honnor were both placed in jail charged by G. C. McCull with assault and battery. According to the prosecutor, he traded horses with the men and was preparing to leave when he was assaulted, the trade evidently not having been satisfactory.

Are Draining Reservoirs.

The Trotter Water Company's reservoir, near Dunbar, is being drained today in the hope of finding the body of George W. Greenwood, who disappeared from his home Tuesday afternoon.

WHILE OTHERS ARE COMPLAINING

Of poor business ours is getting better each week, there is a reason for it, the wise economical buyers realize that they can get as good goods from us as at any other store. While our prices are so low there is no comparison. Our aim is to furnish you at all times with the very best goods at the very lowest prices. We save you 20 per cent.

FRESH MEATS OF ALL KINDS AT OUR MEAT COUNTER.

3 boxes Macaroni	25c	3 cans Pumpkin	25c	3 cans Sauerkraut	25c
3 lbs. Sacks Salt	10c	3 cans Corn	25c	3 large cans Baked Beans	25c
2 boxes Grano Nuts	25c	1 lb. box Comb Honey	18c	4 cans Early June Peas	25c
3 boxes Jell-O	25c	7 lbs. Sal Soda	10c	4 cans String Beans	25c
6 cans Peacock Milk	25c	3 boxes Pan Cake Flour	25c	8 bottles Catsup	25c
3 cans Tomato's	25c	4 bottles Ammonia	25c	12 dozen Clothes Pins	10c
1 lbs. Rice	25c	3-5 boxes Matches	10c	7 rolls Toilet Paper	25c
6 cans On Sardines	25c	5 lbs. Pearl Tapioca	25c	3/4 lbs. Lima Beans	25c

25 lbs. Best Granulated Sugar

..... \$1.30

1 bu. Choice Potatoes

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Best California Hams, lb.

..... 91/2c

1 qt. bottle Grape Juice

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Senator Penrose's Familiarity With
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The work of framing the new tariff bill so that it shall be both acceptable and practical is receiving the undivided attention of the United States Senate these days. It is safe to state that no legislation ever came from Congress to which was given a more deliberate consideration or intelligent study than that which will mark this bill by the time it reaches the President for his signature. It augurs well for the country when the brightest and best Republicans in the nation are devoting their time and energies to the great work of tariff revision, resolved that the party pledges shall be kept.

It is generally agreed that the house acted with rare wisdom and statesmanlike in getting the proposed tariff bill under way. The Senate, a more deliberative body, has made many changes in the bill as presented by the house, and it is to have its quite freely admitted, improved on the measure in many particulars. Nevertheless, the progress of the bill through the Senate is much slower than it was in the house, but when it is returned to the House for concurrence in the amendments now being made the indications are that the House will act promptly in giving the completed law to a country now hesitating in its energies until the tariff matter is settled, and settled let it be hoped, for a long time to come. Opinions as to the date of final passage of the bill range from June 1 to July 1, no one being able to predict with any certainty.

Pennsylvania was never before in a stronger position when legislation so vital to its interests was under consideration. Senator Dolan Penrose has demonstrated rare ability in dealing with confusing problems arising out of the tariff trouble. The position Senator Penrose has occupied for years in the Senate fully justifies his leadership in the construction of the pending bill; his familiarity with the tariff in all its branches makes him not only invaluable in the Senate, but almost absolutely necessary to the vast interests in Pennsylvania which now need his intelligent support and protection. George T. Oliver, the new senator, has also proved his worth during the consideration of the bill. An amendment proposed by Mr. Oliver provides that the tariff on wire nails made of wrought iron or steel not less than one inch in length and not lighter than No. 16 wire gauge shall be ½ instead of ¼ of a cent a pound and on nails less than one inch and lighter than No. 16 cent instead of ¼ cent a pound. The rates proposed by Senator Oliver are those of the present law. The bill as it came from the House fixes the rate on nails lower than the raw material of the nail manufacturer.

It was thought for a time that a tariff commission would be one of the important features of the pending legislation, but is to the maximum extent a continuance reported on April 30 by Senator N. W. Aldrich, chairman of the senate's finance committee, the authorization for the employment by the President of persons to assist him in securing information for the discharge of the duties imposed by the section and to collect information which shall be useful to Congress in tariff legislation and the conduct of the government in the administration of the revenue laws, is intended to take the place of the tariff commission proposed by Senator A. J. Borridge of Indiana.

As the whole section was prepared in cooperation with Attorney General Wickenden and has the approval of the President, Mr. Borridge is satisfied with it. It is not all that he wanted, but he says that it will do for the present and will form the basis for the creation of a tariff commission at some time in the future.

The maximum and minimum proportion is the joint work of Senator Aldrich, Attorney General Wickenden and Senators Root and Curtis and Secretary Knox. The secretary of state and his predecessors were brought into the matter because of their knowledge of foreign relations as well as their legal knowledge, and Senator Curtis was made a party to the joint authorship because of his special knowledge of the manner in which the agricultural regions were affected by discriminations in the form of "trade or other regulations." The President was kept advised of their progress with it and saw and approved the final work.

President Taft has felt considerable concern over the divergent views of Republicans on the question of tariff revision but is now reconciled in a large measure by the disclosures of differences of opinion among the Democrats. He is hopeful that Republicans by processes of consultation and compromise, will reach an early solution of the problem confronting them. There are indications that as the debate progresses compromises are being made in the background and that sooner than the pessimists anticipate a general agreement will be reached.

Governor Stuart has been kept busy of late studying the various pieces of

legislation the General Assembly left for his approval or veto. He appears to be going about his work with his usual even temper and disdaining of the measures with even and exact justice. The Governor will be forced to do some radical paring of the appropriation bills. He issued a statement refusing any hearings on these bills, which indicates that he will shave them in a horizontal way, reducing the sum total about \$20,000,000, cutting the total of the appropriations down to the neighborhood of the \$45,000,000 which will be provided by the various forms of revenue. Charities and highways will get the bulk of the money expended by the state during the next two years. A general reorganization of the highway department seems certain. The term of the present commissioner expires in June, and Mr. Hunter will make an effort to succeed himself. He will have a substantial backing in his ambitions.

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Clever Infielder Twisted Ankle While Stealing Third and Will Be Out of Game for Week.

CANNON PITCHED GOOD GAME

Has Perfect Control and Kept His Hits Well Scattered—All Losing Teams Yesterday Were Shut Out. Charleroi Keeps on Winning.

	W	L	Pct.
Charleroi	2	0	.667
Connellsville	1	1	.500
Fairmont	1	1	.500
Grafton	1	1	.500
Ungentown	0	2	.333
Clarksburg	0	2	.333
Games Tomorrow.			
Connellsville at Grafton.			
Ungentown at Clarksburg.			
Charleroi at Fairmont.			

The Cokers turned the tables on Fairmont yesterday but at great cost. "Kid" Hagan, who was responsible for the only run being scored, stole third base and is sitting in the dugout with his ankle. He will be out of the game for a week or more and in the mean time Summers will put on second. Brear Lee Francis was placed on third. Gilligan shifted to short and Sam Myers played on second. This is the combination which will obtain until Kazan can get into the game once more.

Emery Cannon was on the mound for the Cokers and did well. He had excellent control and kept the seven hits allowed Fairmont well scattered. He struck out three men and allowed but a single past. The game was played under protest. Connellsville objecting to Empire Field, Clarksburg's decision on a balk called on Cannon. The Franks and Hagan were the stellar players. Hagan cut a pair of bungles while Brear Lee's only hit was for two bases. The score.

	R	H	P	A	%
Parker	0	1	7	0	0
Keller	1	0	2	2	0
Hagan	1	0	2	2	0
Dunn	0	1	2	1	0
O'Malley	0	1	6	1	0
Gilligan	1	0	0	1	0
Shultz	0	0	2	0	0
Tucker	0	1	0	1	0
Jenkins	0	1	0	1	0
Total	6	7	27	11	0
Connellsville	R	H	P	A	%
Gilligan	1	0	1	0	0
Mayer	1	0	1	0	0
DePauw	0	1	2	2	0
Mayers	1	0	1	0	0
Yost	1	0	1	0	0
Conrad	0	1	0	1	0
Ungentown	0	0	3	0	0
Judge	0	0	0	0	0
Cannon	0	0	1	0	0
Summers	0	0	1	0	0
Total	1	1	11	0	0
Fairmont	R	H	P	A	%
Clynnell	0	0	0	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	0	0
Schoen	0	0	0	0	0
McMains	0	0	0	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	0	0
Ungentown	0	0	0	0	0
Judge	0	0	0	0	0
Cannon	0	0	1	0	0
Summers	0	0	1	0	0
Total	1	1	11	0	0

BASEBALL WAR.

Invasion of Major League Territory a Possibility.

Chicago, May 6.—Another baseball war appears possible to close followers of the game. This belief is given color by the announcement of the national commission that the revised national agreement, as drawn up to suit the American Association and the Eastern League, has been abrogated through the failure of those two leagues to sign the instrument within the time limit set. The Daily News today says:

"That the American association is still actively but secretly trying to arrange for an invasion of Chicago, thus bringing about another baseball war, is the opinion of many leaders of the two major leagues."

JOHNNY EVER'S SUSPENDED

National Baseball Commission Punishes Him For Delay in Reporting. Chicago, May 8.—John J. Evans, star second baseman of the Chicago National League baseball team was suspended by the national baseball commission for his failure to report to his team at the opening of the season. It is thought Evans will be rehired in a day or two upon the payment of a nominal fine.

Pitcher Ed. Walsh of the Chicago American league club is also under suspension for failure to report on time.

CHICAGO GETS HIGGINBOTHAM.

New York, May 6.—Plyter Higginbotham of the St. Louis Nationals, on whom wagers were made five days ago and who since then has twirled a victory over Cincinnati, has been claimed by the Chicago club and will become the property of that team on the payment of a price to be fixed by Acting President Heyder of the National League.

CLEVER PLOT FRUSTRATED

Son of California Governor Saved From Abduction. Oakland, Cal., May 6.—A plot to kidnap the eight-year-old son of Governor Gillett was unearthing at San Quentin prison when it was found that J. B. Clifton, notorious criminal, who is serving time for attempting the life of Detective Hodges of Oakland, had completed arrangements with a confederate on the outside to steal the boy and hold him for ransom.

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